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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM:

Deputy to the DCI for Resource Management

SUBJECT:

Issues for Early Consideration by SCC/CI

REFERENCE:

- A. Memorandum from D/DCI/RM to DCI dated
 17 February 1978, subject: Talking and Backup
 Papers for Briefing of the Special Coordination
 Committee on Counterintelligence
- B. Memorandum from Zbigniew Brzezinski dated 9 February 1978, subject: SCC Meeting on Counterintelligence
- 1. Action Requested. None; the attached summary listing of issues is for your information on problems likely to receive early SCC/CI consideration. A check with the National Security Council Staff indicates that prior notification to it is desired only for specific issues intended to be raised at the 24 February 1978 SCC/CI meeting. None of these need be raised then.

2. <u>Discussion</u>:

- a. The attached issues are considered likely to pose an early problem for SCC/CI consideration. They are not now discussed in detail but will be later, if and when they are taken under active consideration.
- b. The first two of the attached three issues are under review by the Attorney General. The third issue was addressed in a recent Resource Management Staff (then Intelligence Community Staff) paper coordinated with the foreign counterintelligence community, "Guidelines for Clearance and Recording of Information for Passage in Double Agent Operations." The Department of Defense is expected to also seek an early decision on the separation of deception policy from double agent policy.

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c. The attachment has been coordinated with and approved by the Chief, DDO/Counterintelligence Staff.

Signed

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1. General

Specific issues likely to pose an early problem for SCC/CI consideration follow. They are not discussed in detail and are separate from the early decisions which the SCC/CI will have to make as to how to organize itself to accomplish its E.O-prescribed tasks and which of these tasks should be undertaken first.

2. <u>Issuance of Visas to Identified or Strongly Suspect Soviet Intelligence</u>

There are differences between the Department of State and the BI over the admission of Soviet <u>visitors</u> to the United States who are identified or strongly suspect Soviet intelligence officers. The Commissioner of Immigration and Naturalization has been following Department of State guidance in admitting visa-holders. In 1975 the FBI requested visas be denied to 141 such Soviets; all but 21 were granted visas and were admitted. Corresponding figures for 1976 were 65 denials requested, all but 14 granted and admitted; for 1977, 68 requested, all but one granted and admitted. The number of Soviet intelligence officers admitted to 25X1 the United States directly affects the national foreign counterintelligence (FCI) effort.

4. Separation of Policy for Passage of Information in Double Agent Operations Run for Foreign Counterintelligence Purposes from Policy for Deception

The Brent Scowcroft memorandum of 12 January 1977, "Double Agent and Deception Operations" has never been implemented because of its mixing of double agents and deception. The foreign counterintelligence community has discussed this problem under Resource Management Staff (then Intelligence Community Staff) auspices and agrees, as does the Joint Chiefs of Staff, that separate policy directives are required. Early consideration of this issue by the SCC/CI to help effect that separation would permit the problem of establishing guidelines for operations run for foreign counterintelligence purposes to be adequately addressed.

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